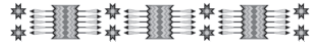




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Candidates file for Chickasaw Nation Election

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder has announced candidates seeking election to tribal legislative and judicial seats at the close of filing Friday, June 11.

There will be competitive races for three legislative seats, while one incumbent legislator and the incumbent for the lone judicial seat up for election will be unchallenged.

Incumbent legislator Mary Jo Green, Pontotoc District, Seat 5, will face challengers Heath Allison and Rodney Brown.

Ellen J. Flowers and Rena Lou Duncan will challenge incumbent Beth Alexander for Panola Legislative District, Seat 1.

Incumbent Linda Briggs, Pickens Legislative District, Seat 3, will face challenger Kathleen Whitfield Stoner.

Tishomingo Legislative District, Seat 3 incumbent Timothy K. Colbert and Mark Holmes, Judicial, Seat 1 incumbent, were the only candidates to file for their respective offices.

Ballots will be mailed to registered Chickasaw voters July 23. Voters will vote by absentee ballots, which must be returned to the Chickasaw Election no later than 10:30 a.m. August 17.

No hand delivered ballots will be accepted.

The Chickasaw Nation will conduct and supervise ballot counting at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 520 East Arlington, Ada, Okla., August 17, beginning 11 a.m.

Results of the elections will be announced the same day.

For information, contact Ms. Loder at (580) 31-6475.

Complete your ballot properly to make your vote count

Do you know the correct way to complete your election ballot? There is such a procedure in assuring that your vote will be counted in this year's election. Failure to correctly complete your ballot can result in your vote being ruled "invalid" by the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission.

Here are some helpful reminders when casting your vote in August.

1. Complete the arrow, using a No. 2 pencil or black ink pen. Ballots are tabulated by Scan-tron, which recognizes pencil or black ink. Do not circle, check or underline the candidates' names.

2. Sign your signature on the outside ballot envelope exactly as it reads, using a blue or black ink pen. Be sure to write your signature in cursive. Do not print.

3. The bar code that appears on the outside envelope is for tabulating purposes only and is not to be written anywhere on the ballot or envelope.

4. Do not put more than one ballot in the inner envelope. Although there may be several voters in a household, no ballots will be counted if all ballots are mailed in one envelope.

5. Complete and mail your ballot as soon as you receive it so it will reach the Ada Post Office by Tuesday, August 17, 2004, the last day the ballots will be received. Ballots are mailed to all qualified voters on July 23, 2004. Voters have at least three weeks to mail back their ballots. The ballots will go to the post office in Oklahoma City prior to the Ada Post Office. It will take at least three days before the ballots actually arrive in Ada. Do

not wait until the weekend before the deadline to mail your ballot. Doing so may cause it to be late.

6. Make sure that your ballot is not soiled or scribbled on. It must be legible.

7. Finally, vote! This is your privilege, so use it. Ballots will remain in the Ada Post Office until they are picked up by the Election Commissioners on ballot counting day, August 17, 2004.

If you have any questions about your voter registration, completing your ballot or if you do not receive your ballot, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary at the Election Commission office, (580) 310-6475 or 1-888-661-0137.

Panola District • Seat 1

Beth Alexander, Incumbent



Beth Alexander

Name of candidate: Beth Alexander

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Panola District, seat 1

Background information: Beth was raised in the country south of Sherman, Texas and was in FFA on a local, district and state level. She has been a professional educator for 15 years working with students in public and Christian schools. She has taught a variety of subjects and grade levels with a special interest in children with learning difficulties.

Beth and her husband were involved in children's ministry

for 12 years developing and implementing church camps and conducting children's revivals. They owned and operated a minority business for five years.

Educational background: Beth is a 1981 National Honors Society graduate of Sherman (TX) High School. She earned an associate of science degree from Grayson County College in 1983. She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education specializing in life and earth science from Texas A&M University, Commerce in 1986. She has completed graduate level courses in reading and testing techniques. She spent three years at Willie George Ministries in Children's Church Pastoring and Curriculum Developing, and completed ABEKA Christian Curriculum Training and Development. She holds state teaching certifications in both Oklahoma and Texas.

Civic and/or community activities: Beth started and coached t-ball and machine pitch baseball in Achille, Oklahoma for three years. She developed and sponsored church camps for children and developed and co-directed children's revivals for 12 years. She has been a den mother for Cub Scouts Pack

517, and for the past two years has participated as a mentor for "The Dynamics of Leadership" Class hosted by Murray State Junior College.

Awards and honors: Beth was a National Honor Society member, earned the Lone Star Farmer Award in FFA, took first place in handgun competition at the Tri-County Sports Competition, was Honorary Teacher of the Year at TCMS and named Teacher of the Year her first year at Kingston Public School.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: Just a few of the goals we have seen come to pass that I am excited about are:

- The Chickasaw Children's Village located at Lake Texoma which houses Native American Children. This is a wonderful new and improved addition that provides a stable environment to enhance growth and education.

- The opening of the Diabetic Care Center adjacent to Carl Albert Hospital to better service our Native American Family.

- Potential increase of jobs by the acquisition of a sand and gravel plant in the Panola District.

- Expanded transportation and senior and youth services in the Panola District. The senior site is now providing lunch 5 days a week.

- Increased participation and involvement of our senior citizens in tribal elder activities such as: holiday luncheons, elder conferences, and social gatherings with other senior sites.

We still have more to accomplish in the Panola District and the Chickasaw Nations such as:

- To improve and expand health care services in the Chickasaw Nation and enhance the quality of care that is offered to our people.

- Continue to work for an increase of all services for the Panola District.

- To reform guidelines dealing with the financial expenditures of the Chickasaw Nation by creating laws to govern spending of tribal funds.

- To increase the diversity of business opportunities for the Chickasaw Nation. This would create a variety of job opportunities for all Chickasaw Citizens.

- To increase Tribal funding for educational programs.

Name of Spouse and children: Beth has been married to her husband Rick for 20 years. The couple have two sons, Joshua, 19 and Will, 17.

Hobbies and outside interest: Horseback riding, camping, reading, raising laying hens and attending garage sales.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *I am looking forward to continuing to represent the Chickasaw Nation as an elected official of the Panola District for the next three years. I have endeavored to work on behalf of the people and vote to fairly represent your best interest.*

I believe integrity and ethical values need to be at the forefront in our governing entities of the Chickasaw Nation. We need a solid foundation established so future generations will be able to continue the development and growth of our nation.

My desire is to serve you not only as your representative but as a tribal member working to preserve our heritage and protect our future for ourselves and our children. I enjoy hearing from you. You contact me at (580) 283-3409 or email bethalexander22@hotmail.com

Panola District • Seat 1 (continued)

Rena Duncan



Rena Duncan

she was first elected to the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature.

She served in the tribal legislature until 1998. During her time as Panola District legislator, Rena served as the legislature's first woman Legislative Secretary. She also chaired the Reapportionment, Legislative Rules and Procedures, Education, Election Procedures, Health, and Economic Development committees. She was also a member of the Chickasaw Constitutional Amendment Committee.

From 1998 - 2001, Rena served at the tribal Cultural Resources director.

Educational background:

Rena graduated from Achille High School in 1966. She has continued her education, graduating from seminars in tribal enrollment, tribal government ethics, election procedures, repatriation and Robert's Rules of Order.

Civic and/or community activities: Rena is a past member of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes and served as vice-chairman of the Cultural Preservation committee. She is

a past member of the National Congress of American Indians where she served as a tribal delegate and area vice-president. She also served on the NCAI repatriation and litigation and self-governance committees. For many years Rena taught Sunday School and was a song leader at Murray Hill Baptist Church. She is a member of Achille First Baptist Church.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature:

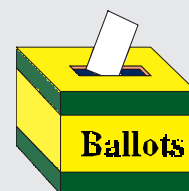
Rena's goals include economic development and new, good jobs for the people of Panola District. Rena also believes in targeted acquisition of culturally-significant land, including the Bloomfield Academy site in Panola District. She supports expanded health care choices for Panola District Chickasaws, and enhanced education and housing opportunities in Panola District.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *"These past six years, our representation for Panola District has been substandard. Panola District has not reaped the benefits of our exploding tribal commercial success. As your Panola*

District legislator, I will fight for new industry, new jobs and good pay for the people of our district. Our tribe is strong, and we are proud of what the Chickasaw Nation has achieved. But our current tribal legislator has for six years failed to bring tribal prosperity home to Panola District. I will work hard for you each and every day. You can

count on me to listen to you, to respond to your needs and to build up our Chickasaw people. A vote for Rena Duncan is a vote for progress - for the people of Panola District, their children, their grandchildren, and the generations to come. God bless you and thank you for supporting progress for Panola District!

Register Now!



**Voter registration closes at
5 p.m. on
July 19, 2004**

**Ballots will be mailed
July 23, 2004**

**For more information contact Rita
Loder, election secretary at the Election
Commission office, (580) 310-6475 or
1-888-661-0137.**

Ellen Flowers



Ellen Flowers

Name of candidate: Ellen J. Flowers

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Panola District, seat 1

Background information: Ellen was born Dec. 14, 1949 in Bryan (OK) County and has been a lifelong resident of Bryan County. She is a descendant of the Kemp, Turner, Duckworth

and Greenwood Families. She has worked for the Chickasaw Nation for the past eight years, the first four years as senior nutrition site manager. During the last four years she has served as elder's resource coordinator and caregiver coordinator. Prior to working for the tribe, she served as a detention officer for the Bryan County Detention Center for juveniles. She also worked five years at the Southeastern Oklahoma Medical Center in the physical therapy department as lead technician.

Working as resource and caregiver coordinator I've seen living conditions that our elders live in and know of their concerns. It has been a good experience for me to learn what is important to our people and what must be accomplished in our Panola District.

Educational background: Ellen graduated from Caddo

Public Schools in 1968. She attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, majoring in health and education. She has attended every National Indian Conference on Aging since 1996. She has had numerous hours training with Three Feathers, Title VI of Older Americans Act. She has worked with and trained with nearly all divisions of the Chickasaw Nation.

Civic and/or community activities: Ellen is a member of the Advisory Board for Southern Oklahoma Area Agency on Aging and a member of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging.

Awards and honors: Ellen received an award from SODA for helping to plan the Southeastern Oklahoma Alzheimers Conference. She received an exemplary job performance certificate from Governor Ananias and Stanley Foster.

Goals as a member of the

Chickasaw Legislature: I truly believe I can make a difference in Panola District. I will help all the people in the Chickasaw Nation no matter the concerns - I will listen! Jobs and services to the people in Panola District are lacking. I will bring job opportunities to our district. Twenty years ago (1) tribal employee, our legislator for 14 years - six years ago (1) tribal employee our tribal employee. Now we have two full-time employees and one part-time and still one of these, our legislator. This will change if I am given the chance. I know what is needed and I know what is available for our citizens. I will be available for all citizens of the Chickasaw Nation day or night. I will be a full-time legislator.

Name of Spouse and children: Ellen is the daughter of Prince H. Flowers (deceased) and Alice J. Kemp, of Caddo,

Okla. She has one daughter Robbie Jo Burt, Calera, Okla., and two grandchildren, Lacey Jo Burt and Ty Burt, Calera.; one brother Doug Flowers, retired state trooper and Durant School Systems, retired. All live in the Panola District.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *The people of Panola District deserve a full-time legislator who will get positive things accomplished! They deserve a legislator who will focus on their needs and concerns, not on irrelevant issues that have no real effect on the district and its people. The people deserve quality representation and someone who will help improve the district and the lives of our valued citizens. I promise to be a hard worker and someone who gets things accomplished for you in our tribal legislature. I also promise to be available at all times, 24/7.*

Pickens District • Seat 3

Linda Briggs, Incumbent



Linda Briggs

Name of candidate: Linda Briggs

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, seat 3

Background information: Ms. Briggs was born in Love (OK) County in her full-blood Chickasaw grandmother's house, which was built on her original allotment land. She was raised in Gladewater, Texas.

She returned to Love County (Marietta) in 1986 after being widowed, to be near her mother who had returned with her father to Love County many years before. Her father is deceased and her mother now deceased, was a long-time school teacher in Love County schools.

Educational background: Linda graduated from Gladewater High School. She received her formal education at the University of North Texas, the University of Tulsa and the Bish Mathis Institute of Business. She completed special courses at Rauscher-Pierce Security Dealers in Dallas and is a licensed real estate agent. Her background is in business. She was for many years a licensed commodity trader (National Association of Security Dealers), served as business management manager for the American Motors/Jeep zone office located in Dallas (prior to Chrysler owner-

ship) and was general manager of Dallas Oil and Gas. *"I love business! Business ventures with the right ingredients for success motivate and energize me."*

Civic and/or community activities: "I believe in community involvement." Since living in Marietta she has served as city treasurer (two years), on the Marietta School Board (eight years), mayor of Marietta (four years), more than a dozen years on the Board of Directors of the Love County Chamber of Commerce and she is active in her church where she serves as chairman of the board of trustees. While mayor she served on the five-person negotiating team that won Dollar Tree Distribution Center to Marietta. It is a massive facility employing many people at the present time with plans to expand.

Awards and honors: Linda has been recognized by the Marietta School Board for Out-

standing Service to Education and the Youth of Love County, and by CNI Manufacturing, for Outstanding Effort for Betterment of Love County through business.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: To enhance the quality of life of the Chickasaw people through education, health and housing. I believe business success is the path to achieving my goals for the people.

Name of spouse and children: Ms. Briggs has two children, Teresa Stofel and husband Wesley of Marietta and Marc Briggs and wife Debra of Georgetown, Texas. She has three grandchildren, Emmy Stofel Alcazar, William Briggs and Lauren Briggs.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw people:

Having been taught my entire life about my Chickasaw heritage, it was a natural evolution

to become involved in tribal affairs. It has been a great joy and honor to be able to serve as a tribal legislator. With me came the sum of my administrative experience and I have chaired the Health, Education, Finance, Land and Legislative committees at various times. I presently serve as Chairperson of the Legislature which is a great honor bestowed upon me by my fellow legislators. I am proud to have been a part of many changes and improvements in the services to our citizens and the list of those improvements is long.

From a few hundred dollars spent on education we have moved into the area of several million dollars allocated to education. We have added the capability of securing aid for educational pursuits to include Chickasaws of all ages living virtually all over the world. We

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Kathleen Whitfield Stoner



Kathleen Whitfield Stoner

Name of candidate: Kathleen Whitfield Stoner

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pickens District, seat 3

Background information: Kathleen was born in Waurika, Okla., and grew up in Comanche, Okla. She moved to San Francisco her sophomore year of high school and finished high school at Polytechnic High School. She worked four hours

at Wells Fargo Bank and attended school four hours until graduation. She moved back to Texas in 1969 and went to work for the Post Office until she retired. Three years ago she moved to Duncan, Okla.

She is the great-great-great-granddaughter of Edmund Pickens and Euthlike, the great-great-granddaughter of George Lavers and Sally Pickens, the great-granddaughter of J. Overton Lavers and Eliza Hawkins, the granddaughter of Alice Lavers Whitfield and the daughter of Marion Overton Whitfield, all original enrollees.

Educational background: Kathleen graduated from Polytechnic High School, San Francisco. She took college courses for postal management.

Civic and/or community activities: Kathleen belongs to Historical Societies. She is chairperson for Duncan Community Council and secretary for the Duncan Senior Site. She has worked in the food pantry for her Church. She is a member of the Chickasaw Alliance and Council of Council.

Awards and honors: Kathleen has received post office awards.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: Better health care, more clinics and more qualified doctors in the clinics; raises for employees to bring their pay up to the level so that they can make a decent living for their families; term limits for all voted into office; more benefits for people outside of the Nation, especially health care.

Name of spouse and children: Kathleen is married to Melvin McDonald Stoner. Kathleen has three children, Donna Helene Hutchins, Ronald Edmund Jacome and Victor Roland Jacome.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw people: *I will be proud to serve you the people of this Great Nation. Since I am retired I will work full-time to try to accomplish the things needed to be done in the Nation. I can be contacted anytime either by phone or by email. I am trying to set up a web page to inform the people of what is going on in the Nation.*

Hello;

My name is Kathleen Whitfield Stoner. I am running for the Chickasaw Legislator, Pickens District, Seat 3. I would like to tell you something about myself. I am a Chickasaw by birth.

I am the great-great-great-granddaughter of Edmund Pickens and Euthlike the great-great-granddaughter of George Lavers and Sally Pickens, the great-granddaughter of J. Overton Lavers and Eliza Hawkins (daughter of Hawkins and Mat-tahoya, all original enrollees. The granddaughter of Alice Jane Lavers Whitfield also original enrollee and the daughter of Marion Overton Whitfield.

I was born in Waurika, Jefferson County, Oklahoma, August 16, 1942. I went to school at Comanche until my sophomore year, then moved to San Francisco, California and finished at Polytechnic High School. I graduated and went to work for the Wells Fargo Bank. I then moved back to Texas in 1969. I went to work for the Fort Worth Post Office and my husband and I both retired from there. Be-

tween us we have five children, 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. We now live in Duncan, Oklahoma.

I would like a chance to work for you the people. I believe if you don't like what is going on then you do something to change it. I would like to see better wages for the employees. I would like to help the seniors more, such as helping them to get kitchens to furnish food, and sites in areas such as Duncan. Better grants for the ones going to school. I would also like to get more qualified doctors at the clinics.

Many of the full bloods think no one cares for them. I hope to prove that I will work for them and anyone else that needs it. One of my hobbies is genealogy. I love to work on our history. It makes me very proud to be a Chickasaw. I love our people and would be proud to represent them.

*Thank you for listening to me. Kathleen
Electkathleen@aol.com
(580) 475-0401*

Judicial • Seat 1

Mark Holmes Colbert



Mark Holmes Colbert

Mr. Colbert graduated from Sulphur High School in 1975. He attended the United States Air Force Academy and the University of Missouri where he graduated in 1979 with a bachelor of arts. He graduated Oklahoma City University Law School in December, 1982 with a juris doctorate.

Awards and honors: He is admitted to practice before the Oklahoma Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the eastern, western, and northern districts of Oklahoma and the northern district of Texas.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Judicial Branch: My goal as a member of the Chickasaw Judicial Branch is to run an efficient, high quality and user friendly court to serve the Chickasaw Nation and all Native Americans within our borders.

Name of Spouse and children: Mr. Colbert and his wife Kim have two children, Kathryn, 17, and Caroline, 14.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: A fully operational judiciary is critical for the Chickasaw Nation's sovereignty and to insure our people are treated justly and fairly.

Accordingly, the Supreme Court is proud of the re-establishment of the District Court. The District Court opened on January 2, 2004 at which time

959 cases were transferred from the CFR Court to the District Court. Approximately 150 new cases have been subsequently filed.

The judicial branch looks forward to serving the people in the future. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Tishomingo District • Seat 2

Timothy K. Colbert



Timothy K. Colbert

Name of candidate: Timothy K. Colbert

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Tishomingo District, seat 2

Background information:

Mr. Colbert was born in Oklahoma City, and was raised in Sulphur, Okla. He has been a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association since 1976 and is a charter member of the Chickasaw Bar Association. He was elected to the Chickasaw Council in 1979 and elected Chickasaw Legislator in 1983. He is the senior member of the tribal legislator.

Educational background: Mr. Colbert graduated from Sulphur High School in 1968. He graduated from Oklahoma University in 1972 with a bachelor of science degree in history and graduated from Oklahoma City University in 1976 with his juris doctorate.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Colbert is a member of the Sulphur Lions Club, Elks Lodge, St. Francis Catholic Church and a Daugherty volunteer fireman.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: I will continue to work to improve our senior citizen and health care programs to push for quality jobs and housing and to strive for accountability for tribal assets. I will work for first rate education opportunities for our Chickasaw youth. The future of our Chickasaw Nation is the education of our youth.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Colbert and wife Michelle live in Sulphur. He has one son, Zachary, 26.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw people:

It has been my honor and privilege to have served our Chickasaw people for the last 25 years. I have and will continue to be an independent voice for the people of the Chickasaw Nation. Let's keep the Chickasaw Nation going forward.

Thank you.

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have made major wonderful changes to our health care, particularly in the area of diabetic care. We have built senior nutrition sites at several locations throughout the Nation. We have built health clinics in several cities throughout the Nation so no citizen has a very long way to travel to receive care. We have built Head Start facilities for our little ones that are state of the art wonderlands. We have built grocery stores that allow our citizens receiving commodities to do so with dignity. Our housing division has added several programs including not only the self-help homes but programs which assist in the actual mortgage financing of homes. Mortgage programs extend across the United States.

Our tribally-owned Bank2, which has achieved phenomenal success, is another source of home mortgages. It is one of the means of our being able to extend service to citizens living outside the Nation, which is an area of great concern to us. At the present time we are concentrating on a program to offer prescription drugs to our citizens outside the Nation and hopefully we will have the program operational before long. The huge success in our businesses is the means to our extended services and it is an extremely exciting time in the Chickasaw Nation.

I am very positive and progressive, and I work tirelessly to insure we are doing the best that we can do for all the citizens of our great Nation. My service to you as your legislator is a work

in motion. I ask you to please allow me the honor and privilege to continue to serve you as we seek new ways to enhance the lives of our elderly, give better beginnings to our children and just plain help add joy to Chickasaw lives. Thank you for your consideration and support!

I will work with all my energy and use all my life experiences to help achieve the goals I envision for the Chickasaw people. I believe we can dream large, work hard and get there. I will go beyond the norm when an opportunity presents itself to make life more enjoyable for the people through better health, better education and quality of life.

2004 Election Commission



Front row from left, Pauline Brown and election secretary Rita Loder. Back row from left, Thedo Underwood and Catherine Wood. Not pictured, Stan Wells and Mark Riesen.

Pontotoc District • Seat 5

Mary Jo Green, *Incumbent*

Mary Jo Green

Name of candidate: Mary Jo Green

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 5

Background information: Mary Jo Green was born in 1934 on her mother's allotment land southeast of Fitzhugh, Oklahoma. Both Mary Jo's mother and father were Chickasaw. Mary Jo and J.L. Greenwood were married in 1951 at Ada. The Greens have two children, Jess, an Ada attorney, and Melissa, a tribal employee, and three grandchildren.

Mary Jo began working for the tribe in 1977 and helped start the very first Chickasaw senior site at Ada in 1981. She has worked with Chickasaw elders for many years. Mary Jo was appointed tribal personnel officer in 1988 and retired from the tribe in 1998. That same year, she was elected to the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature and was reelected in 2001.

Mary Jo is chairman of the tribal legislature's health care committee, and also serves on the legislative human resources, land and education committees.

Educational background: Mary Jo graduated with honors from Fitzhugh High School and attended East Central University in Ada for two years. In 1990 she completed the Three Feathers training seminar for people who work with elder minority populations.

Civic and/or community activities: Mary Jo is a past president and district director of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Ada. She has

served as a senator in the Oklahoma Silver haired Legislature, and is past president of the Southern Oklahoma Development Agency (SODA) advisory board on aging. The Chickasaw Nation chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) was the first tribal AARP chapter and Mary Jo assisted in its formation. She currently serves as the chapter's program chairman. She is an Order of the Eastern Star (OES) past worthy matron and is a 35-year OES member. Mary and J.L. Green are members of Sunshine Missionary Baptist Church where she has taught Sunday School for 14 years.

Awards and honors: Mary Jo received the SODA District Aging Award in 1985, and that same year was recognized as the Oklahoma Outstanding Aging Network Employee. She received the Area Health Director's Award in 1992. In 1994, Mary Jo received the Betsy D. Smith Award for leadership, dedication and commitment in serving Oklahoma elders.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: Mary Jo is happiest when she is helping others, especially elders and children. She says the most fulfilling aspect of her life is "working for the Chickasaw people." She is a worker for those who need help. "Our elders have earned their way and it is up to us to make sure they are honored and properly cared for. Our children must be provided every opportunity to grow up to be good adults and good leaders. I will seize every opportunity to help each Chickasaw generation prosper and fulfill its potential."

Mary Jo is in favor of a long-term care facility for Chickasaw elders.

Name of Spouse and children: Mary Jo and her husband J.L. have two children, Jess and Melissa. They have three grandchildren.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: "First of all, I thank all of those who have voted for me and supported me in the past. Without your support and encouragement, none of the things I have worked to achieve

could have been possible. I ask for your continued support, and for your vote, so that the work we have begun together, may be continued and completed.

"I also thank you for allowing me to have been your voice in the legislature for the past six years. I have been a full-time legislator. I have no other job but to serve you. My telephone number is in my name so that you may contact me anytime, and many of you have. It has been my pleasure to have helped many of you, and I look forward to continuing that same level of personal service in the legislature for the next three years.

"It has been my honor to expand the services to our elders. There are now 11 senior citizens nutrition sites. We are building facilities at Purcell and Pauls Valley and providing services at Achille and Marlow. We've added the chore services, wood cutting, home maintenance and transportation programs. The farmers market vouchers program has also been added, which makes it easier for elders to get fresh fruits and vegetables when they are in season, an es-

sential element in good nutrition for them. We also have the over-the-counter nonprescription medication program, which is also a great help to elders.

"Our housing programs continue to grow, with the addition of the home loan program. It is essential that such programs be developed to meet future housing needs. I am a strong supporter of innovative housing programs.

"As a member of the legislative education committee, I have worked with my fellow legislators to better our already outstanding education programs. We have increased funding for scholarships and grants as well as the monetary incentive program for students all through grade, middle and high school. We also increased the clothing grant program to help our students to look their best as well as learn their best.

"My great-grandfather was the sheriff of Pickens County in 1872. I know how important it is for us to gather, protect and preserve our history, heritage and culture. As your legislator, it has been my great honor to

work closely in this regard, and I promise to continue to working so that we have more of our past to leave in our future.

"Economic development is essential to the Chickasaw Nation's growth. We are one of the most progressive tribes in the country. With our bank, chocolate factory, ranch, hotels, gaming facilities and stores, we are growing and providing more funds for new and expanded services for you. Our expansion is now in other states and foreign countries, thanks to Chickasaw Industries, Inc."

"It is my sincere desire and goal as your legislator to keep working to provide jobs and job training for Chickasaws of all ages. I believe the growth of our tribe is dependent upon legislators who will provide positive growth and be willing to listen to you. By working together, and with God's help, we will meet the challenges of the future together."

"I thank you for your past support, and ask that you let me continue serving you."



Change of Address Form

Your Name (Please Print):

Last

First

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ **Maiden Name:** _____

Old Address

Street

City, State & Zip

New Address

Street

City, State & Zip

Sign: _____ **Date:** _____

Chickasaw Election Commission

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Pontotoc District • Seat 5 (continued)

Heath Allison



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Name of candidate: William Perry Heath Allison

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, seat 5

Background information: Heath has deep roots as a Chickasaw, back to his great-grandparents Calvin Allison and Norma Allison to his father and mother Don Allison and Monnie Allison. Heath is proud of his Indian heritage and proudly spoke of it as a veteran in the United States Army 8th Infantry, 1st and 3rd Armored Divisions.

Educational background: Heath has made Ada his home having attended schools at Homer, Byng and East Central University.

Civic and/or community activities: Heath is a devoted husband and father and attends Ada Church of the Nazarene.

Name of spouse and children: Heath married Tracy in

November 1990 and has two lovely children, Tristan and Daryn.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw people: *Heath has a long history with the Chickasaw Nation. While others talk about helping their fellow Chickasaws better understand their Nation's government, Heath has lived it. Here are a few things Heath has done as a concerned Chickasaw:*

- Worked with the Chickasaw Nation Youth Services Scholarships.

- Served on the National Native American Heritage Month Event in Oklahoma City.

- Attended all Community Councils, Senior Sites and Regional Offices offering help and

programs from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing.

- Worked on the Fire and Safety Poster Contest to all Native American children living in Mutual Help homes.

- Assisted and organized the clean up of ice storm damage in the Chickasaw Nation. Worked with FEMA on programs to assist from the storm damage.

- Help implement the storm shelter program for mutual help homes.

- Was manager for C-store, tobacco and gaming at Ada Travel Stop.

- Attended monthly Chickasaw Legislative meetings and took minutes for CNDH.

Heath is a concerned and loving father, coaching t-ball, coach-pitch and basketball for

“all of his kids” as he puts it.

While some Chickasaws just talk, Heath has proven through years of hard work with the Nation that he will talk for you and work hard to make sure that your voice is heard at the Legislature.

Lets elect Heath Allison to the Chickasaw Legislator.

A voice you'll be proud of!



Rodney Brown



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Name of candidate: Rodney Brown

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, seat 5

Background information: Rodney is the son of Calvin “Buck” Brown and has lived in the Ada area most of his life. After graduation from Ada High School, he left Ada to serve a tour of duty with the U.S. Navy. He received training as an electronics technician and served a year tour of duty in Vietnam. In 1970, after completion of his military service, he moved to Dallas, Texas to accept employment with the IBM corporation. In 1975, IBM offered him a position in Oklahoma and he moved his family back to Ada. In 1980, he left IBM to start his own company and has been a

self-employed businessman for the last 24 years. During that time, he has owned and operated four different businesses as well as farming on his land in the Lovelady area. He currently owns Brown's Business Systems, an office equipment dealership located in Ada. During his years in the Ada area, he has been involved in many community organizations and has always been politically active.

Educational background: He graduated from Ada High School in 1965 and then attended the U.S. Navy's FT/A electronics school, where he graduated with honors. He has attended three different universities, the University of Texas at Arlington, the University of Oklahoma and East Central University. His major was business administration with a management option. He has also completed numerous technical classes conducted by IBM and Minolta Corporation and has attended many sales and management seminars.

Civic and/or community activities: In the past Rodney has served as president of the Ada Rifle and Pistol Club, and as head commissioner of the Ada Soccer League. He served the Chickasaw Nation as a member of the Chickasaw Nation Indus-

trial Development Commission and was interim chairman of the board of Chickasaw Nation Industries during its start-up phase. He has managed and worked in many political campaigns and ran, unsuccessfully, for the Oklahoma State Senate in 1996.

Awards and honors: He received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship program and was recognized as an honors graduate from the U.S. Navy's FT/A Electronics School.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: With the income from our gambling operations, cigarette sales, and the daily operations of our numerous businesses, the Chickasaw Nation is rapidly becoming very wealthy. As a legislator, I will work hard to ensure that all Chickasaws benefit fairly from the millions of dollars in profit that the tribal government receives. If elected, I will immediately submit a bill to the legislature that will set aside 30% of the profits from our businesses for direct distribution to the Chickasaw people. Each individual citizen would receive an annual per capita payment that could easily average 2-3 thousand dollars.

That puts money in the hands of each Chickasaw so they can take better care of their families in their own way. This would still leave millions of dollars available for business investment and expanded services for tribal members. Another goal is I would have is the establishment of a Chickasaw Senior Citizens Home. Having a tribally owned home is the only way we can ensure that our senior citizens are properly cared for. We also need to find funds to raise the pay of our lower level employees. We have many good dedicated employees that struggle with their monthly bills. Our tribe can easily afford to pay fair wages for all employees. There are many other areas that our tribe needs to work on; better education benefits, improved medical services and a host of other problems. My goal as a legislator will be to help all Chickasaws live a better life.

Name of spouse and children: He has been married to his wife Lynda June Brown (Godfrey) for 37 years. They have two children, Rod D. Brown and Christy L. Anderson.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw people: *Our current legislators have shamelessly voted another huge raise for*

themselves. This comes at a time when many Chickasaw citizens are being told that there is not enough money to provide better services and more assistance. Apparently our elected officials believe that they and certain tribal employees should live like royalty on tribal funds while most of our people struggle to care for their families. I believe that is wrong. As your legislator, I will fight to help correct this inequity and to share the wealth of the tribal government with the Chickasaw People. I believe the easiest way to accomplish this sharing is a system of direct per capita payments. Several of our current legislators have told me that the Chickasaw people will never receive direct payments from tribal funds but I believe that these type payments are long overdue. There are many other things that our tribal wealth should be doing for the people but they will never come to be while we have our current legislators making decisions for us. If elected, my vote will always be on the side of the people. That is why I am asking for your support and your vote in this race. Together we can help to provide a better life for all Chickasaws.

The Chickasaw Nation 2004 Election Schedule

June 7-11 Candidate filing period (8:00 am - 4:30 p.m. Election Secretary's Office)

June 15 Challenge to Candidacy ends

June 16 Drawing for position on ballot-Election Secretary's office, 10 a.m.

Candidates may also pick-up label, printouts and diskettes

June 18 Last day to submit photo and biography to "Chickasaw Times" Press release for candidates, (news media)

July 19 Voter registration closes

July 20 Candidates may pick-up updated labels, printouts & diskettes (After-12:00 NOON)

July 23 Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters

August 11 Last day to appoint watcher

August 17

2004 Chickasaw Primary Election

Last day to return ballots no later than 10:30 a.m.

Election ballot tabulation beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press release made public

2004 Election Schedule

August 17 Voter registration re-opens if there is no run-off election

August 20 End of protest period

October 1 Oath of Office Ceremony at 1:30 pm.

RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE

August 24 Candidates may pick-up adhesive labels

August 30 Ballots mailed to all voters in run-off election districts

September 21 2004 CHICKASAW RUN-OFF ELECTION

Last day to return ballots not later than 10:30 a.m.

Election ballot tabulation beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press release made public

September 21 Voter registration re-opens

September 24 Recount period expires

October 1 Oath of Office Ceremony at 1:30 pm

OFFICIAL MAIL BALLOT PRIMARY ELECTION CHICKASAW NATION

Pontotoc District Seat 3

Ada, Oklahoma

August 17, 2004

This is your secret ballot.
Do not sign or otherwise mutilate it.

DO NOT ERASE

TO VOTE:USE A #2 PENCIL (NO INK)

Complete the arrow(s)  
pointing to your choice(s).
like this  

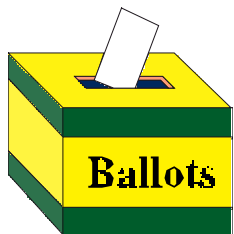
Pickens District, Seat 3

Vote for One (1)

LINDA BRIGGS

KATHLEEN WHITE
FIELD STONE

Chickasaw Voters



*Exercise Your Right
to Vote!*

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission and election secretary encourages ALL registered Chickasaws to cast their votes for the candidate of their choice. **YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

As a citizen and eligible voter of the Chickasaw Nation you have the honor to cast your vote for your tribal leaders. Don't miss this opportunity to make your voice be heard. Cast your vote and return your absentee ballot in the prepaid envelope supplied in your ballot packet.

- CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE
- PLACE YOUR BALLOT IN THE INNER ENVELOPE
- PLACE INNER ENVELOPE IN "OUTER" ENVELOPE
- SIGN YOUR NAME WHERE INDICATED ON "OUTER" ENVELOPE
- PLACE YOUR BALLOT IN THE MAIL

IMPORTANT NOTE: You MUST sign your name as addressed to you, or your vote will NOT BE COUNTED. Your signature has been scanned in the voter database as it appears on your voter application. Your signature on the outer envelope is compared to your signature on the voter database to confirm the validity of your original signature. The ELECTION COMMISSION AND ELECTION SECRETARY verify your signature during the ballot counting process

No one knows how you vote.

Remember to return your ballots early, giving ample time to reach the election commission's post office box before the deadline.

How to make sure your ballot is counted

Make sure you sign your name in cursive, using an ink pen (NO PENCIL on your signature), EXACTLY the way it is written on the envelope, or it will not be counted.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM A CITIZEN OF THE CHICKASAW NATION AND THAT I AM ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE CHICKASAW TRIBAL ELECTION FOR THE CANDIDATES HEREIN MARKED. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I MARKED THE ENCLOSED BALLOT IN SECRET.

John D. Doe
VOTER'S SIGNATURE

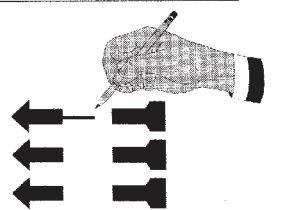
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CORRECT:

You must find the name of the candidate you wish to vote for and **complete the arrow** directly across from their name by using a pencil. (NO INK)

DO NOT circle, underline, put an X or check mark any of the candidate's names or it will not be counted!



Register now!

Voter registration
closes at 5 p.m.

on July 19, 2004

Ballots will be mailed July 23,
2004

Editor's note: This special edition of the *Chickasaw Times* is an election issue. It contains the announcements and pictures of all candidates. Biographical sketches and personal messages in this issue were submitted by the candidates.